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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Sujata KALE and Michael W. LONG

Serial No.: 09/753,043

Filed: December 27, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR EX VIVO FORMATION OF MAMMALIAN BONE AND USES

THEREOF

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Examiner: Jean C. Witz

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO **OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 14, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including May 14, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the

Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UNIC:048US/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,

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